



2018 Green Tier Legacy Community Annual Report

Vision Statement: The Sustainability Advisory Board of the City of Oshkosh was established in March 2009 and is given the mission to advise the City Manager and Common Council on sustainability issues affecting municipal operations and the community at large.

The City Council adopted a resolution to join the Green Tier Legacy Communities on March 28th, 2017. The Sustainability Advisory Board and staff assist the City in participating in the Green Tier Legacy Charter.

Build and Buy Green

- **WI Sea Grant Institute Green Infrastructure Audit:** City departments such as Engineering, Planning, and Economic Development continued work on an audit of Oshkosh ordinances and approached the SAB to assist with the project, which strives to make regulations more friendly to green infrastructure. Students from two UWO Environmental Studies seminar classes completed sections of the Audit and their work will help as staff continues towards completion of the Audit.
- **New Development:** The Oshkosh Corporation Global Headquarters made progress towards completion. Oshkosh Corporation was recently again named by Barron's as one of the 100 Most Sustainable Companies.

Transportation

- **Vehicle Idling Campaign:** The Sustainability Advisory Board worked with a group of UW-Oshkosh seniors on a project to reduce vehicle idling in the City. The board has since partnered with the Oshkosh Area School District to distribute a letter to parents informing them of the negatives associated with idling and strategies for reduction of idling.
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan Update:** The City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has worked on an update of the City's 2011 Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan to ensure that the plan remains relevant moving forward.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Festival Foods is one of the latest locations in the City to install EV charging stations on-site.

Land Use

- **Former Buckstaff Property:** Was redeveloped as the Menominee Nation Arena.
- **Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course:** A portion of the Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course



was purchased by Oshkosh Corporation for redevelopment as a global headquarters. Oshkosh Corporation will maintain its presence in the community. The City will redevelop the remainder of the golf course as parkland accessible to everyone.

- **Sawdust District Plan:** The City continues working on planning efforts to redevelop the remainder of the former Buckstaff site and area around the arena.
- **Housing Programs:** The City continues to offer 0% interest downpayment assistance and rehab loan programs using TIF money to invest in affordable housing projects.
- **CDBG Program:** Low and moderate income property owners can apply for funding to address high priority issues regarding their properties.

Energy

- **Residential Energy and Water Conservation Proposal:** The City has converted many City-owned streetlights to LEDs.
- **Community Energy Use:** The City has worked with utilities to calculate electric and natural gas consumption annually.

Water

- **Site Plan Reviews:** City Staff reviews every development proposal as part of the approval process to ensure that the proposal complies with the City's Stormwater Ordinance.
- **Permeable Surfaces:** Staff has had discussions with developers regarding the possibility of employing Grasspave or permeable pavers for some developments.
- **Waters, Wetlands, and Wildlife:** The City has replaced a number of concrete channels with creeks, wetlands, and swales. The City has encouraged swales for new developments.

Waste

- **UW-Oshkosh Biodigester:** The biodigester diverts some of the food waste from campus away from landfills to allow for recycling of food waste as fertilizer.

Healthy Community Planning

- **Quality of Life Analysis and Housing Condition Scoring System:** Several City departments have worked on a "Neighborhood Scorecard" which assesses the conditions of the blocks in the city according to key indicators. Data are captured and displayed on colorful maps which allow for decision makers and the general public to engage in dialogue about current conditions and which blocks of the city could benefit from investment. Staff updated this Quality of Life analysis during 2018.



- **Health in All Policies:** City staff met with staff from the Center on Wisconsin Strategy and the Population Health Institute to examine potential projects. Staff determined that projects within the areas of housing and transportation could lend themselves well to the application of a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach. Staff attended HiAP training in March, 2018 in Oshkosh.
- **Sustainability Plan Update:** The SAB and staff have worked on the five-year update of the 2012 Oshkosh Sustainability Plan. The goal is to have the updated plan approved in 2019.